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MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, ALA.---Graduation exercises for 530 officer students of Air University's Command and Staff College will be held at Maxwell Air Force Base at 9:30 a.m., Friday, June 9.

Gen. George C. Kenney, USAF Ret., will be graduation speaker. General Kenney, presently serving as president, The Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, was commander of Air University from October 1948 until his retirement in August 1951.

Completing the nine and one-half month Command and Staff College course are 505 Air Force, 10 Army, seven Navy and eight Marine Corps officers.

Lt. Gen. Walter E. Todd, AU commander, will officially graduate the student body after its presentation by

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Maj. Gen. L. P. Dahl, CSC commandant. General Todd will present the first diploma to the class president, Lt. Col. William N. Edwards.

Command and Staff College provides the intermediate level of professional education for Air Force career officers. Instruction is given to increase the professional qualifications of the students so as to improve their abilities to perform in the command and staff assignments normal to field grade officers.

Air Force students attending the college are majors and captains with an average of 13 years commissioned service.

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